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Applicants : JAMES M. RHODES, ET AL. Confirmation No.: 5756
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IMPLEMENT
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Examiner : Jeffrey Gerben Hockstra

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement of 06/27/2007, Applicants elect Species B, claims 3-7, 9, 11-15 and 16-21. To expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 3 and have cancelled claims 1-2 and 22-45.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

A Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment and Response.

Fees associated with this response are being paid electronically via EFS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may become due regarding this response to deposit account no. 10-0750/DEP5054/SJM.